



AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

OCTOBER 17-18, 2026

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ADULT CATEGORIES – Age 17 years and older

- People/Portraits** - People posed. Photographs of people (or a person) from a short distance but definitely posed.
- Candid** - People not posed. Photographs of people (or a person) who are unaware they are being photographed.
- Animals (with wings)** – An animal with wings. This category includes winged insects.
- Animals (without wings)** – An animal without wings. This category includes non-winged insects.
- Flowers, plants and trees** - Uncut living flowers, plants, trees as the main subject. Not landscaped.
- Still Life** - Staged shots of inanimate objects (not people or animals). Typical subject matter includes fruit in a bowl (or without a container), cut flowers in a vase (or without container), or an arranged grouping of items of interest.
- Architecture** - This includes Cityscape photographs. Man-made buildings can be complete framing of an entire structure, or a detailed (tightly cropped) segment of a building or any portion of a building (like doors, windows, columns, and other ornate features). Places of Worship to be entered into the next category.
- Places of Worship** – Interior OR Exterior man-made architectural photos of churches, temples, cathedrals, etc.
- Landscape/Waterscape** - Landscapes showcasing fields with surrounding land or photographs of bodies of water.
- Skyscape/Weather** – Sunrises, sunsets, clouds, rain clouds, lightning.
- Transportation** – A mode of transportation. Subject can be entire vehicle or detailed segments of the vehicle.
- Computer Enhanced/Special Effects** - Photographs that have been altered from their original, real-time appearance. This includes photos where images have been added or removed, added special effects, added camera or computer program filters, substantially enhanced exposure, added color balance, contrast and sharpness. No AI photos please.
- Amateur Open** - This category contains any photograph entry not fitting into one of the above-described categories. This category cannot be used to enter any photograph that should be entered in a named category.
- Sports/Action** - Sports such as baseball, football, racing, bicycling, etc. Photos that display action or at high speed.
- 2026 THEME CATEGORY – Antique Cars** – Photos of 2001 or older cars. Photos in this category can be the whole car or parts of an antique car. No computer manipulation please.

YOUTH AND TEEN CATEGORIES

YOUTH - Ages 11 and under

TEEN - Ages 12 through 16 years

The YOUTH AND TEEN photography contest for Oktoberfest 2026 allows any Youth aged 11 years or younger and any Teen ages 12 thru 16 years to submit three (3) of their favorite pictures and/or one (1) Special “Theme” category. Photos may be taken with any camera including cell phones. All photos must follow the Rules and Regulations detailed on the back page.

This year’s 2026 Theme Category for the Youth and Teen Photography Contest is: **Pets** – Judges will be looking for creative compositions and clarity.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

This is an **amateur** photography competition. For the purpose of competition, amateur photographers are defined as those who DO NOT RECEIVE ANY INCOME from selling or licensing their images in any form, teaching photography, having or using a website gallery, or charging a fee for taking photographs.

Judges will be looking for faithful representation of the original scene in your photographs. Photos should be entered as they came out of the camera. Minor alterations, such as soft color enhancement, soft sharpening or cropping is allowed. Photographs with extensive digital manipulation entered in a category other than the Computer Enhanced/Special Effects category, will be disqualified by the judges. This includes photos that have been altered with HDR, photo-merging, major color or exposure enhancement, fine art appearance, or other major computer enhancement and no AI photography. We want to see computer skills only in the Computer Enhanced/Special Effects category.

All entries to be submitted on Friday, October 9 (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) or Saturday, October 10(8 a.m. - noon) at the Wilson Bank & Trust Operations Building 105 N Castle Heights Ave. Lebanon, TN 37087 during business hours.

Photo must be 8" x 10" or 8"x 12" and neatly mounted (without frames) on 11" x 14" Mat Board or Foam Board. Mounting material is to be of sufficient stiffness and weight to allow for a sturdy/lasting display. (Poster board is not recommended)

Adult entries are limited to fifteen (15) photos per person with a maximum of two (2) entries allowed in a category. Please enter photos that have been taken since the 2025 Oktoberfest.

Youth and Teen are limited to (4) photos per person. (3) photos in open category and (1) in the Theme Category.

The name, address, email, and phone number of the contestant should be printed on the back of each entry. No identifiable information is to be visible on the front of the photo or mat.

Entries will be professionally judged. Cash prizes will be awarded as follows:

-For the Adult categories: Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each of the adult categories. Entries will be judged on quality, composition, and subject interest. First place winners in each category will compete against each other for "Best of Show." The "Best of Show" entry will receive an additional ribbon. A cash prize of \$50 will also be awarded to the "Best of Show" winner. There will be a "President's Choice" ribbon awarded to any photo in any category by an officer of Wilson Bank & Trust.

-For the Youth and Teen categories: Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each of the two categories. All entries will receive a participant ribbon. Cash award of \$25 to Best of Show Youth entry and Best of Show Teen entry as well as cash award for 2nd place entry.

The Wilson Bank & Trust Oktoberfest Photography Committee and the Wilson County Photography Guild reserve the right to refuse any photograph deemed unsuitable for competition or public display and all photographs will be displayed at the committee's discretion. Entries that do not meet requirements may be disqualified.

Claim your entries October 19 thru 23 during banking hours or they will be considered abandoned and will become the property of the Wilson Bank & Trust Oktoberfest Photography Committee to be disposed of as necessary.

All Photographs remain the property of their owners, however, the Wilson Bank & Trust Photography Committee and the Wilson County Photography Guild will not be held responsible for any loss or damages incurred during exhibition.